

Please amend the specification as follows:

*Please amend line 31 at page 50 as follows:*

--- **Example 9** ~~11~~ ---

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 33 at page 50 to line 8 at page 51 with the following paragraph:*

--- Mice were treated as defined in the figure legend with hLFA3-Ig, i.e. a control Ig fusion protein or mLT $\beta$ R-Ig by intraperitoneal injection. At day 0, the drinking water was changed to a 5% dextran sulphate solution and the mice were left on this fluid for one week. One week later, i.e. 2 weeks after starting DSS administration, mice were sacrificed and the weight change and the large bowel length (from anus to cecum) measured. FIG. 6 shows the weight changes and bowel lengths after various treatments. The shortened bowel length as well as the weight loss is indicative of IBD. It was seen that mLT $\beta$ R-Ig treatment dramatically prevents the colon shortening and weight loss indicating efficacy.---